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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : There is too much of unnecessary medication. I think it is better sometimes to have less medicines.

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Recently the Government prohibited the employment of 'B' class practitioners in rural dispensaries and as a consequence many dispensaries are without doctors. In view of the fact that many dispensaries are closed for want of doctors, will the Government consider the desirability of relaxing the rule at least for a short period? Also, will the Government consider the desirability of training doctors for a short duration as an emergency measure for some time to come?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : 'B' class practitioners who have not been trained in any institution recognized by the Government are not now allowed to be posted to rural dispensaries. It is better to have qualified practitioners for these dispensaries. I would rather have no dispensary if properly qualified practitioners are not available.

Construction of the Kariankot bridge

* 237 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 433 on 17th December 1954—

(a) the amount so far spent on the construction of the Kariankot bridge at Nileshwar in South Kanara district; and

(b) why the work has not yet been completed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) Rs. 3,61,300.

(b) Owing to some difficulties in regard to the foundations, the work could not be completed as programmed. But of the 16 wells for the bridge foundation, 12 have been succesfully sunk and plugged. Two more wells are being sunk. Two remain to be sunk.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : What is the estimated cost of the work and whether the estimate has been increased, and if so the total estimated cost. Also, when is the work expected to be completed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The original estimated cost is Rs. 6,34,000. There is no question of any revision or otherwise.

Wireless station in M.S.P. Camp at Malappuram

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, both question Nos. 238 and 239 may be taken up together as they relate to the same subject.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, they may be taken up together.